

HOOD CANAL BRIDGE NEWS



West-Half Retrofit and East-Half Replacement Project

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Summer bridge widening set to narrow lanes

Later this spring, possibly April, crews will begin widening the west half of the State Route 104 Hood Canal Bridge - impacting traffic across the bridge.

Current plans call for completing the widening of the bridge deck's south side this fall and completing the north side by late fall 2005.

Initially, crews will place a temporary barrier on the bridge's floating section to protect

vehicles crossing the bridge and to create a safe work area. Construction will reduce lane width from 12 feet to 11 feet and it will reduce shoulder width from 3 feet to a foot.

Wide-loads will require special permission to cross the bridge during this phase. That permission is only available only through the Port Orchard Maintenance office, (360) 874-3050. Pedestrian are prohibited on the

bridge during this phase. Bicyclists must ride in traffic across the bridge during construction.

To widen the roadway, workers will widen the crossbeams under the roadway. After placing the temporary safety barrier, then they will remove the existing safety rail and will remove a portion of the bridge deck, before constructing a wider bridge deck and installing new railing and lighting.

Impacts to You

Kiewit-General of Poulsbo, the Hood Canal Bridge contractor, is widening the west half of the Hood Canal Bridge.

The work, that will run through October 2004, includes removing the existing bridge rail, installing new support beams and adding deck width.

The contractor will conduct a similar operation on the bridge's north side in 2005. You can anticipate the following impacts to bridge traffic:

- **The weeks of April 19 and April 26**, the contractor will use nighttime lane restrictions and traffic delays to place barrier next to the eastbound lane and re-stripe new lanes across the bridge. Work hours are 8 p.m. to 4:30 a.m.
- Wide loads are restricted across the bridge. Permits: (360) 874-3050.
- Pedestrians will be prohibited on the bridge
- Bicyclists must ride in traffic across the bridge

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Phone numbers to know ...

Oversize load permits

WSDOT Motor Carrier Services (360) 704-6340

General project info.

WSDOT Region Communications (360) 357-2789

HCB Bridge Opening Hotline (800) 419-9085

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Transit Information

Clallam Transit (800) 858-3747

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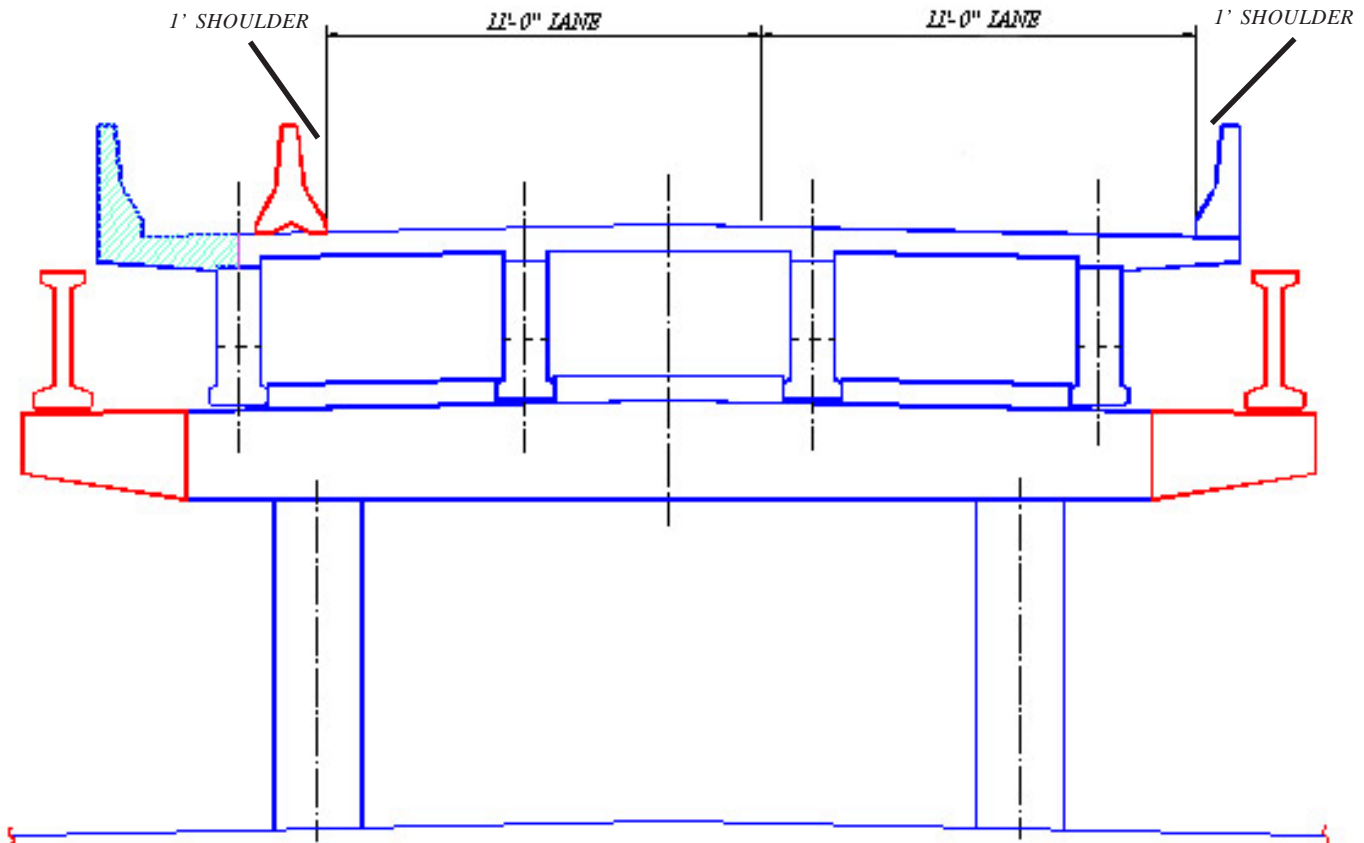
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Bridge view: Crews will install barrier along the southern edge of the Hood Canal Bridge's west end starting in mid-April. The bridge's west end will be restriped to narrower 11-foot lanes with 1-foot shoulders. Because the roadway will be so narrow, oversized loads will be restricted across the bridge. Also, bicyclists will be allowed on the bridge but they should consider alternate routes. Pedestrian access across the bridge will be prohibited during this work.

